GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department – Ananthapuramu District – Allegations of irregularities in execution of the work "CPWS Scheme to Puttaparthy and Kothacheruvu areas in Ananthapuramu District" taken up by Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Penukonda Division, Ananthapuramu District against Sri M.S.Sreenivasa Rao, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Penukonda, now retired, and four (04) others – Charges framed – Written Statement of Defences submitted – Appointment of Sri R.Suresh, Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Ananthapuramu, as Inquiry Officer and Sri K.Muralidhar Rao, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ananthapuramu as Presenting Officer – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 282 **Dated: 24-04-2025**

Read the following:

1. Vigilance Report No.03 (C.No.724-3/V&E/E/2015), dated 05.05.2022 of Director General, G.A.(V&E) Dept.
2. G.O.Ms.No.30 and G.O.Rt.No.215, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., dt. 28.04.2023.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.216-218, PR&RD (Vig.VI) Dept., 28.04.2023.
4. Lr.No.Vig(VI)/RWS&S/V&E-3/2023, dt.20.07.2023 of ENC, RWS&S.
5. Lr.No.VIG (IV)/RWS&S/V&E-3/2023, dt.01.04.2024 of ENC, RWS&S.
6. G.O.Rt.No.702, PR&RD (VIG.VI) Dept., dt.11.12.2024.
7. G.O.Rt.No.703, PR&RD (VIG.VI) Dept., dt.11.12.2024.
8. Sri T.Rangaiah, DEE, WSD, dt.30.01.2025 received through the ENC, RWS&S, Letter No.Vig(IV)/RWS&S/V&E-3/2023, dt.18.02.2025 received on 03.03.2025.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department has reported that Puttaparthy, Bukkapatnam and Kottacheruvu Mandals are having 98 habitations, out of which 12 habitations of Puttaparthy & Kothacheruvu Mandals have been supplied with drinking water through existing network of Satya Sai Water Supply Scheme. Therefore, to provide protected water supply to the remaining 86 habitations, a new scheme was designed in order to overcome the drinking water scarcity and to provide Comprehensive Protected Water Supply to 86 habitations of Puttaparthy, Bukkapatnam and Kothacheruvu Mandals of undivided Ananthapuramu District. Hence, the Vigilance & Enforcement officials verified the work "CPWS Scheme to Puttaparthy and Kothacheruvu areas in Ananthapuramu District" taken up by Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Penukonda Division, undivided Ananthapuramu District and recommended to initiate disciplinary proceedings against M.S.Sreenivasa Rao, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Penukonda, now retired and others.

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2. After careful examination of the matter and obtaining further report from the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department vide letter 5th read above, Government vide G.O. 6th read above, initiated common proceedings in respect of the following in service persons duly framing Article of Charges vide GOs 3rd and 7th read above.

i. Sri B.Sreenivasulu, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Section, Bukkapatnam.
ii. Sri S.Kush Kumar Reddy, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Sub-Division, Bukkapatnam.
iii. Sri C.Sreeramulu, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Sub-Division, Bukkapatnam.
iv. T. Rangaiah, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation, Bukkapatnam.

3. In the GO 2nd read above, sanction is accorded in respect of Sri M.S.Sreenivasa Rao, the then Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Penukonda, now retired, as he was retired from service under Rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 and charges were framed against him under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

4. In the reference 4th and 8th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department has forwarded Written Statements of Defense of all the Charged Officers wherein all the Charged Officers requested to exonerate from the charges framed against them.

5. After careful examination, Government have decided to conduct regular departmental inquiry against the Charged Officers, mentioned at Paras 2&3 above and accordingly hereby appoint Sri R.Suresh, Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Ananthapuramu District as Inquiry Officer under Rule 20(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 to conduct detailed inquiry against the said Charged Officers.

6. Government also hereby appoint Sri K.Muralidhar Rao, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ananthapuramu District, as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Officer, appointed in para 5 above, on behalf of the Disciplinary Authority under Rule 20(5)(c) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

7. The Presenting Officer shall well acquaint himself with the facts of the case and present the case before the Inquiry Officer effectively. He is also requested to obtain and produce all necessary documents required by the Inquiry Officer during the course of inquiry.

8. The Inquiry Officer is requested to conduct inquiry strictly in terms of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 and submit his report in three (03) months, as stipulated in G.O.Ms.No.91, G.A.(Ser.C) Dept., dated 12.09.2022. Copies of charge Memos issued to the Charged Officers and written statements of defense, submitted by the Charged Officers, are furnished herewith to the Inquiry

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Officer as required under Rule 20(7) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri R.Suresh Superintending Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Ananthapuramu District & Inquiry Officer (w.e.)
Sri K.Muralidhar Rao, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ananthapuramu & Presenting Officer.
The Charged Officers concerned through the Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department, Vijayawada.

Copy to:
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy.CM for PR&RD, RWS&S, EFS&T.
The P.S to Prl. Secy. to Govt., PR&RD Dept.
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Est.II) Department.
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SECTION OFFICER